THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Disaster Management Act, 2005 was enacted on 26.12.2005 and the Sections of the Act relating to States/UTs have been brought into force w.e.f. 01.08.2007.

(c) At National level, National Disaster Management Authority, National Executive Committee, National Institute of Disaster Management and National Disaster Response Force have been set up under the Act. The Act also provides for States/UTs to set up their own State Disaster Management Authorities, District Disaster Management Authorities and State Executive Committees. As per information provided by the State Governments/UT Governments/Administrations 21 States/UTs have set up State Disaster Management Authorities, 20 States/UTs have set up District Disaster Management Authorities and 17 States/UTs have set up State Executive Committees under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The State of Goa has set up Goa State Disaster Management Authority under the chairmanship of Chief Minister at the State Level and District disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of Collector at district level and State Level Crisis Management Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary.

(d) The Goa State Disaster Management Authority has conducted training on Disaster Management, Training on Landslide Risk Management and NDRF Training "Familiarization of Exercise, 2008-09" In addition, the State Authority has undertaken desilting of Nallah at old Goa in 2003, Construction of Retaining wall at Fontainhas, Panaji in 2003, Construction of retaining wall at Mapusa in 2004, filling of mud to prevent flooding at Carambolim in 2006, removal of boulder slided on the school building at Nerul due to landslied in 2007, clearing of landslide and providing stability for the hillock at 1.3 km. of NH-17 approach road to Mandovi Bridge in 2008. The State Authority also organised Seminar on Disaster Management with Indian Institute of Architect, Goa in 2005.

(e) The State of Goa has not yet set up any Disaster Response Fund and Disaster Mitigation Fund at State and District levels under the Act.

(f) The Goa State Disaster Management Authority has not proposed to undertake any project.

Enhancing infrastructure of security forces in naxal affected States

992. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved a Rs. 500 crore plan for enhancing infrastructure of security forces in naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the naxals menace is spreading in many parts of the country with the connivance of ISI; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to counter the growing menace of naxalites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A new Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Leftwing Extremism affected States has been approved in the Eleventh Plan, with an allocation of Rs. 500 crore, to cater to critical security infrastructure gaps, which cannot be covered under other schemes.

(c) and (d) There are no inputs to suggest that the spread of naxalism is with the connivance of ISI.

Recruitment of minors by Maoists

993. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maoist guerrillas are forcibly recruiting minors in their ranks as child soldiers in large forested areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether they are conducting a massive drive for child soldiers in their forested hideouts in Chhattisgarh which is close to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken serious view on these recruiting of minors by Maoists;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to crush them and dismantle such activities of Maoist in these areas; and

(e) whether Maoist plan to recruit Nepalis labour in India from these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, in Chhattisgarh, CPI (Maoist) have constituted special squad of minors. The State Government has banned Krantikari Adivasi Balak Sangh, an organization of minor child soldiers created by the Maoists. Naxal problem is being effectively dealt with by the State Government. A wide range of security and development measures have been put in place to wean away the youth from maoist ideology. The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of State Government in a variety of ways in the arena of security and development.

(e) There are no reports regarding Maoists plan to recruit Nepali labour from these districts.

Constitution of Disaster Management Authority

†994. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disaster Management Authority has been constituted after the passing of Disaster Management Bill by the Parliament;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.